

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A battery assembling method includes a lead dispenser/heater unit, cover positioner, container positioner, and lead feeder.

A battery container with battery plates contained therein is retained by the container positioner. A battery cover is retained by the cover positioner. Molten lead is retained within the lead dispenser/heater unit. The exposed areas of the lead dispenser/heater unit are preferably flooded with an inert gas to prevent drossing of the molten lead. A container heating platen is disposed on a top of the lead dispenser/heater unit and a cover heating platen on a bottom thereof. The container positioner brings the battery container in contact with the container heating platen and the cover positioner brings the battery cover in contact with the cover heating platen. Molten lead is dispensed into the battery cover; the lead dispenser/heater unit is withdrawn; and the battery container is sealed against the battery cover while the lugs of the battery plates are inserted into molten lead in the battery cover. The lead dispenser/heater unit is filled with lead from a lead feeder.